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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 27, 2002. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (on Transmittal) and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I (method claims 1-4 and 22) for further prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claims 12, 17, 25, 25, 35, 47, 63, 66, 80, and 86-88, as they are drawn to non-elected inventions. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications on the cancelled matter.

If the Examiner has any questions and believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' representative would prove helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 720-3500 (Extension 286).

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